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CHAPTER 198

HOUSE BILL 2536

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 25-121 AND 25-902, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
MARRIAGE LICENSE, CEREMONY AND RECORD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 25-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-121. Marriage license; application; affidavit

A. Persons shall not be joined in marriage in this state until a license has been obtained for that purpose from the clerk of the superior court in any county of this state. This subsection does not apply to the conversion of an existing marriage that is valid in this state to a covenant marriage pursuant to section 25-902.

B. Persons who wish to marry shall apply to the clerk of the superior court for a license and shall complete and sign under oath an affidavit provided by the clerk that states ~~their names and ages, their social security numbers and their places of residence~~ EACH APPLICANT'S NAME, AGE, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. The affidavit shall include a statement by the applicants that they understand that information on sexually transmitted diseases is available from the county health department on request and that these diseases may be transmitted to their unborn children. The affidavit shall be filed by the clerk who shall then issue to the applicants a license directed to the persons authorized by law to solemnize marriage and shall collect the fee prescribed by section 12-284. The license is sufficient authority for any such AUTHORIZED person to solemnize the marriage. The marriage license shall state that the marriage license expires one year from the date of issuance of the license.

C. EXCEPT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PROVIDED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION FOR AN APPLICANT'S MARRIAGE LICENSE SHALL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY UNLESS THE APPLICANT REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT THE INFORMATION BE RELEASED. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPEAR IN EACH APPLICATION FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Sec. 2. Section 25-902, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25-902. Existing marriages; conversion to covenant marriage; recording requirements

A husband and wife may enter into a covenant marriage by submitting to the clerk of the superior court or any other official designated by the clerk pursuant to section 25-126 or 25-127 the declaration prescribed in section 25-901, subsection B, paragraphs 1 and 3 and a sworn statement of ~~the names and social security numbers of the husband and wife~~ THEIR NAMES and the date and place their marriage was contracted and by paying the fee prescribed in section 12-284, subsection A. The clerk shall file all documentation required by this section and shall issue to the husband and wife a certificate that documents the conversion. A husband and wife who apply for a covenant marriage conversion under this section are not required to receive premarital counseling required by section 25-901 and are not required to have the converted covenant marriage separately solemnized. Conversion to a covenant marriage does not make valid a marriage that is prohibited pursuant to this title or that is not validly contracted in this state.

APPROVED BY THE SENATOR APRIL 21, 2001.

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by the following vote: 54 Ayes,

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

0 Nays, 6 Not Voting

2 Nays, 0 Not Voting


Speaker of the House


President of the Senate


Chief Clerk of the House


Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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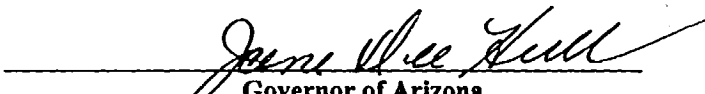
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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 21 day of

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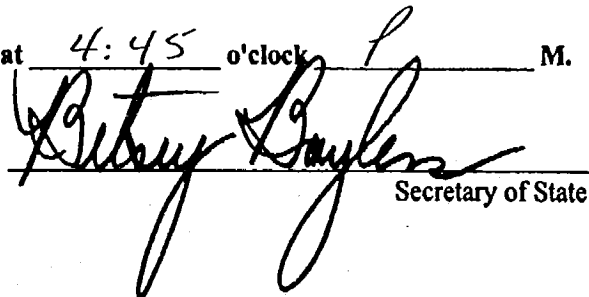
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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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Secretary of State

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